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## Arrivals.

November 3, CITY OF PEKING, American str., 5,079, Z. L. Tanner, San Francisco 3rd October, and Yokohama 23rd, General — P. M. S. S. CO.

November 3, NOVA, British str., 606, A. G. Walter, Swatow 2nd October, General — KWOK ACHONG.

## Clearances.

AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE, NOVEMBER 8TH, 1876.

Lee, German steamer, for Keelung.

China, German steamer, for Shanghai.

## Departures.

November 8, PENG-CHOU-HAI, Chinese gun-boat, for Cheung-show.

November 8, JOACHIM CHRISTIAN, German bark, for London.

November 8, MAY QUEEN, British bark, for W. Hampon.

November 8, SOTERA, Brit. br., for London.

November 8, ESTRENA, British steamer, for Saigon.

November 8, HONGKONG, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.

November 8, TANAS, French steamer, for Yokohama.

November 8, IRINE, Ger. sch., for Keelung.

## Passengers.

Arrived, —  
Per City of Peking, str., from San Francisco and Yokohama — Mr. and Mrs. J. Bradie Smith, Mrs. W. J. Thompson, 2 children, and servant, Mrs. F. Palmer, Mr. Thompson, M. & S. J. B. Channing, and J. B. Stetson.

For Norsa, str., from Swatow — 190 Chinese.

## Reports.

The British steamer Norna reports left Swatow on 2nd November, and had variable winds, now fine weather.

The American mail steamer City of Peking reports left San Francisco on 3rd October at 12.15 p.m., and had moderate gales throughout; arrived at Yokohama on the 27th at 11.5 p.m., and sailed from Yokohama on the 28th at noon. To Tsurabon had variable winds and fine weather, and thence to port light moon and pleasant weather. Arrived at Hongkong on 3rd instant at 4.20 p.m.

## AMOY SHIPPING.

October — ARRIVALS.

22, Leyte, Spanish steamer, from Hongkong.

23, Ringo, British gunboat, from Swatow.

23, Hulung, British steamer, from Tamsui.

23, Yesso, British steamer, from Swatow.

23, Hulung, British steamer, from Manila.

23, Forget-me-not, Brit. bark, from Tamsui.

23, Teuton, British steamer, from Shanghai.

23, Nansen, British steamer, from Foochow.

23, Fu-yew, Chinese str., from Hongkong.

27, Douglas, British str., from Hongkong.

27, Zampona, British str., from Hongkong.

27, Carisbrooke, British str., from Swatow.

27, Yesso, British steamer, from Foochow.

27, Achernar, German bark, from Tamsui.

27, Forget-me-not, Brit. bark, for Tamsui.

27, Douglas, British steamer, for Foochow.

27, Fu-yew, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.

## SAIGON SHIPPING.

October — ARRIVALS.

3, Aye, French steamer, from Hongkong.

3, Benjamin, British steamer, from Bangkok.

3, Nansen, British steamer, from Hongkong.

7, Tria, Dutch bark, from Singapore.

8, Emmanuel Auger, Fr. br., from Amoy.

10, Fenno, British steamer, from Hongkong.

10, Andry, French steamer, from Marseilles.

10, Paknam, British steamer, from Singapore.

10, Estepone, British str., from Hongkong.

10, Amoy, French str., from Bangkok.

22, Waco, British steamer, from Hongkong.

27, Pei-Ho, French str., from Marseilles, &c.

October — DISAPPEARANCES.

1, Tigre, French steamer, for Hongkong.

1, Pardo, British steamer, for Hongkong.

3, Sophie, French bark, for Marseilles.

4, Rajanathasudar, Brit. str., for Hongkong.

4, Aye, French str., for Marseilles.

13, Andry, French steamer, for Hongkong.

14, Peno, British steamer, for Hongkong.

14, Trio, Dutch bark, for Scuraway.

20, Estepone, British steamer, for Hongkong.

23, Amazon, French steamer, for Marseilles.

24, Charity, British bark, for Java.

27, Henri, French bark for Belli Isle.

Vessels that have arrived in Europe from Ports in China, Japan and Manila.

(Per Last Mail's Advice.)

Vessels from — Date of Arrival.

Vanderper (s.), Manila, Sept. 8.

Assurance (s.), Manila, Sept. 8.

Kilburney (s.), Foochow, Sept. 8.

Nicoline, Hongkong, Sept. 8.

Trina Bat (s.), Manila, Sept. 15.

Sagovia (s.), Manila, Sept. 15.

China Ports, Sept. 15.

Priam (s.), China Ports, Sept. 15.

Assurance (s.), Manila, Sept. 15.

City of Quebec, Trocadero, Sept. 15.

Assurance (s.), Manila, Sept. 15.

Gordon Castle (s.), China Ports, Sept. 15.

Vessels Exported at Hongkong. (Continued to Date.)

Vessel's Name, From, Date.

Ugo, Liverpool, Sept. 15.

Electra, London, Sept. 15.

Aurora, Bremen, Sept. 15.

India, London, Sept. 15.

Borneo, Manila, Sept. 15.

City of Quebec, Trocadero, Sept. 15.

Assurance (s.), Manila, Sept. 15.



MADAGASCAR.  
Letters from Madagascar, lately received mention that her Majesty's ship *Theseus* had visited Rosamontava, where last September a British seaman was murdered. It is reported. The boat, fully armed, entered the river to ascertain the effects of the bombardment, and to ascertain if any survivors were left. With great difficulty the natives were persuaded to approach, and then the chief assured Captain Ward that his people had been so astonished at the power then displayed, that they would never again dare molest any white man, and desired to live at peace.

THE KING OF DAKOREY'S TROOPS.  
News has been received by the Western morning News of the escape of four of the Frenchmen at Apia, who had been made prisoners by order of the King of Dakorey. They had been sent to the coast and embarked in a canoe found there, but the surf was so formidable that their boats three capsized, and, everything they had was lost. They arrived at night alongside her Majesty's ship *Contest*, naked and more dead than alive. They were subsequently transferred to a French corvette. The Frenchmen had been told that on the first gun fired from the squadron their route would be cut.

## UNEASOME.

Mr. Gossfeld, British Acting Consul at Pernambuco, observes in his report this year that it is a matter of astonishment, in a vast number of cases, how it is that vessels ever reach their destination. Great numbers of men of an inferior class, he says, are admitted as masters, though wholly unfit for that position, and the wages usually given in many vessels are not such as would induce a man of ordinary ability to remain on board. The result is that many lives and numbers of vessels are lost from this circumstance alone. There are also too many unseaworthy seamen, and Mr. Gossfeld gives the following extract from a logbook, and says this is a very common and ordinary instance.—"Bark —, Friday, December 10th, 1876. Left the Fr. River's dock at nearly high water. The crew and all hands were in a state of extreme prostration, but continued in company with the crew of the *Esmeralda*, the bark having been captured, and were in tow of a steam tug. On proceeding outward, discovered that all hands, with the exception of two boys, were more or less exhausted. When abreast of the Rock Lighthouse, some disturbance arose between the boatmen and others of the crew with the pilot, who, I often some time ago, had advised them to give up the pilot and return to the ship. The pilot was continually soliciting me for spirits, which I refused to give him. Also found a B. utterly insensible, falling down at the wheel while steering the vessel, and in his possession a flask containing a quantity of rum, which I took and threw overboard. During the passage to the Bell Buoy I found the crew and all hands in a state of prostration, and it was impossible to get the jibboom rigged out and sail set on the ship; consequently had to keep the steering-tow to binder a fresh breeze at the time from the north-west wind increasing. After leaving the Bell buoy, at 10 a.m., thought it best to let those of the crew who were worn down have a rest, if possible, to get them sober, and sent a B. to the pilot and another to the pilot and the ship. It was during these proceedings that it was discovered that T. J., who acted at the pilot head as a substitute for J. Dixon, who neglected to proceed in the ship, was a soldier or had been in that capacity, and never engaged at sea service before; therefore, used as on shipboard. At nine p.m., Great trepidation prevailing on board, the crew being in a state of prostration, and unable to get the vessel to port, when a hawser hauled in. This morning 11th December, the pilot was taken off by the cutter on the station at Point Lyttown."

It is the seen, says the Acting Consul, that ships are allowed in open day to sail out of British ports with a crew in a state in which a cab-driver would not be allowed to proceed along a street. He adds that in many instances the crews, especially in the smaller vessels, are inadequately provided, or are of a deteriorated description. His inference is that commercial adventurers and speculating insurers are allowed free scope to make their profits, being apparently exempt from the regulations applied to street and railway traffic, miners, &c., for the protection of human life.

## COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

FRIDAY, 3rd November.  
To-day sales of Pataca have been at \$583 and \$585, and of Beiras at \$685.

## EXPORT TRADE.

For steamship *Tigre*, for Canton and London.—For Continent 772 boxes Silk, 161 boxes Cotton, 287 boxes Water Silk, 43 boxes Silk, 123 boxes Silk Worm's Eggs, 129 boxes Tea, 172 boxes Chintz, 707 boxes Tees, 679 boxes Sarcines, For London 134 boxes Silk, 14 boxes Shantung, 16 boxes Pongees, 123 boxes Tea, 16 boxes Chintz, 2 boxes Gold Bar (The 30,400), and 418 boxes Sandal.

## EXCHANGE.

On LONDON.—Bank Bills, on demand ..... 3/112  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ..... 3/112  
Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight ..... 4/6 to 4/8  
Dowries, Bills, at 6 months' sight ..... 4/2  
Dowries, Bills, at 6 months' sight ..... 4/4  
Dowries, Bills, at 6 months' sight ..... 4/4  
On BOMBAY.—Bank, sight ..... 233  
On CALCUTTA.—Bank, sight ..... 233  
On CHENGHAI.—Bank, sight ..... 763  
Private, 30 days' sight ..... 764

## SHANGHAI.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Share, 19 per cent. premium, Union Insurance Society of Canton ..... \$260 per share.

China Traders' Insurance Company's shares ..... \$1,000 per share.

China and Japan Marine Insurance—The 15 per cent. share, nominal.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$200 per share.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Share ..... \$260 per share.

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## EXTRINS.

## HHS.

BY NATHAN TATE.

I am here from the depths of the cloud,  
And in the calm of the silent air,  
When the winds have ceased to be loud,  
And the rivers cease to run.

Then light on my sevenfold arch,  
I awoke in the silence of air,  
While the vapours beneath me waver,  
And leave the westward state.

For I am here,  
On the skirts of the dubious storm,  
And I die in the late of the hour,  
That gave me being and form.

I fade, as in human hearts,  
The depths that mocks the will,

I pass as a dream departs,  
That leaves me not to share.

But the legend I have spumed,  
The fields of the westward drift,

And the rights of man!

At my base of misty gold!

I keep the wealth of the spheres,

Which the high gods never won;

And I, again, bear their airy tare.

For I am here, a son of the sun,  
That is hidden in rest or strife,  
And some have copied the fees  
Or elated the voice of fate.

And some have woven of sound  
A chain of the mortal world,

And some have found or found

The key to the hidden state.

For I am here, a son of the air,  
And the white of the barren bough,  
Have wrought the colors that fire  
In the forms of a painter's dream.

I gather the laurels of the flowers

And the sparks of the game to me;

Till pale are the blossoms of the earth,  
And the dew of the stars are dead.

For I am here, a son of the eye;

For I am here, a son of the brain;

He follows me, and I fly;

He passes, I stand again;

For I am here, a son of the world,

He leaves with a brush of gold!

## GAEILIC BARDS.

It has been often said that the race of bards has become extinct. This is just as true as that the Gaelic spirit has departed.

There are as many Gaelic bards at the present day as there were in the days of MacMahon's Alastair and Duncan Ban.

True it is that the grand old Gaul, William Livingstone, is dead, as well as the Rev.

Duncan Maclean, the sacred bard of Glenmoray. But we have bards still left us. There

is Farquhar Macleod in Australia; Evan MacColl in Canada; and there are several

successful votaries of the muse in ancient Alba. We have Dugald Macphail weaving his sweet songs in southern cities; and John Cameron holding poetic intercourse with the ghost of his father on the confines of Argyll and Inverness. Besides these, Raboy and Morven have been reverend vocalists by the poetic patriarchs who have resided there; and the seas and the bays and the glens all over have echoed back the deeply burmories of the borders. Mary MacKellar. And there is another yet, whom we venture to designate Bard Laureate of the Gaels—Nigel MacNeill, who, however, are we afraid, notwithstanding this designation, may never receive a butt of wine nor a hundred marks "Gaelic Poetry," in the London *Soothie* Journal.

## INNOCENT GIRLS.

There is something so charming in innocence that we are apt to overlook its inconveniences and its dangers. To be innocent is to require perpetual protection and attention, and to be constantly exposed to the machinations of ill-disposed people. It is a question how far men really do admire innocence. The man who ventures to flirt with an innocent girl does so, as he is aware, at great personal risk. He never knows where she may take him. He cannot tell when she is serious and when she is in fun; and if he finds any charm in the pursuit, it is that which makes men feel in a dangerous adventure.

He cannot help constantly fancying that she holds up a mask to disguise her real features, and expecting the mask to be withdrawn, and he is carried away, in spite of himself, from step to step until he cannot retreat. In fact, he cannot believe in the reality of her innocence till it has been removed, and the consequences of its removal are frequently fatal to the happiness of both parties. It is in this way that men make foolish engagements, too often with girls for whom they care but little; and life-long regret, coupled with domestic discord, conjugal indifference, and hundreds of other attendant woes, may too often follow upon a so-called "innocent flirtation." The true country innocent is a probability peculiar to our nation and time. She does not exist except in England, and some parts of North America. She has not existed even here until lately. Public sights, modes of speech, habits of thought, would have made her impossible a hundred years ago; for even Clarissa Harlowe was not innocent according to the modern pattern. She may often be, and sometimes doubtless is, absolutely pure in mind and idea. She knows no evil and thinks none. She is given to blushing, not so much at what is naughty, for that conveys no idea to her mind, as at anything like personal or direct reference to herself, her looks, her accent, her gait, her dress, or her opinion. She is not stupid, for stupidity almost identifies her nature, and ill nature is incompatible with innocence. On the contrary, she is very wide awake, very sensitive, and has, except in matters of right and wrong, about which she knows nothing, a very sound judgment. She pays you little attentions without meaning or effort, removes whether you take sugar in your tea, what songs you prefer, and how long it's to be since your last visit. She has not the slightest objection to button your gloves for you—why not? She will put a rose into your coat, and will remember which rose like her best. She will take your arm on the gravel, and sit beside you in the arbour. If your flirtation with her has advanced but a little way, she will openly lay little plots for seducing mamma's vigilance at the picnic, and will beg to sit beside you on the box of the drag. She loves to practice dancing steps with your arms round her waist, and will let you correct her sketches over her shoulder. In all this she may not have the slightest wish to catch you; and when you propose to her, she has not the vaguest idea whether she is in love with you or not. Probably she is startled to hear you talk of such a thing, and, if you ask her directly, will refuse you without hesitation; but the chances are that before you have been long absent she finds her error, and repents when it is too late. Once you break away, her influence is gone in all probability; but should you return to your devotion, she will accept you at once, and will confide to you, without hesitation, that she is quite surprised to find how much she likes love-making. But the country innocent is exposed oftentimes to a different kind of danger in matrimony. She is very likely to accept the first offer she gets, and to marry a man merely because she is asked to do so. A short acquaintance suffices for such a match. She is as indifferent to her lover as she can be, to a man who has paid her the compliment of wishing to make her his wife; and she surrenders herself without a second thought. Her life must afterwards be full of strange awakenings; but unless, when she loves, what love is she should fail to fall in love with her husband, it need not be an unhappy one. The married innocent is not so much exposed as her unmarried sister to the wiles of Satan, and may continue to carry about with her to the end of her life some fragrance of the paradise from which she came out. That the modern father should

bring up his daughters in this kind of way is very marvellous. He must know that the isolation of the country life cannot last forever; that, indeed, it is not desirable it should do. Such a father would cry out in horror at the idea of teaching his girls the most rudimentary principles of physiology, and would be shocked to find that they read *Adam Bede*. Yet he cannot guard them from the knowledge of the village or parish gossip, and all the abominations of our social life. If he can keep them from curiosity as well as from scandal, and can baffle the Bible and English History as well as Shakespeare, it is well. But if he succeeds in it all but impossible task, it is only to leave them exposed to temptations of which they know nothing, bound hand and foot by an ignorance of vice. When it is presented to them, they do not recognise it, and fall into any trap that may be laid for them. When the parental care is withdrawn they are without any safeguard. They can have no conscience about breaking commandments of whose meaning they are ignorant, and every one knows that the circle of his last acquaintances young ladies who having been brought up in the strictest of family circles, welcome emancipation with an ardour which is incompatible with dignity, or even with true purity. Ignorance is not principle, nor the Bretons do, but still they are an object of great respect to the peasant, so that the freshly married man expresses it thus most

truthfully: "I am a good man, but I am not a good peasant." The single wedding in the village districts, and the barrels which contain it are ornamented with variegated ribbons. Brandy and gin (sourire) are used to temptations of which they know nothing, bound hand and foot by an ignorance of vice. When it is presented to them, they do not recognise it, and fall into any trap that may be laid for them. When the parental care is withdrawn they are without any safeguard. They can have no conscience about breaking commandments of whose meaning they are ignorant, and every one knows that the circle of his last acquaintances young ladies who having been brought up in the strictest of family circles, welcome emancipation with an ardour which is incompatible with dignity, or even with true purity. Ignorance is not principle, nor the Bretons do, but still they are an object of great respect to the peasant, so that the freshly married man expresses it thus most

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